

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

I view this as a clear violation of FCC rules. I buy media and must abide by certain rules during each "political window." It is well known that media must give equal time to both sides. How this can be allowed is beyond me.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. This is one clear case where I believe their license should be revoked if they do not withdraw this offer, or provide equal time to the other side. Thank you for your consideration.